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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members, each fastening member extending in a longitudinal direction and in a lateral direction and comprising a base panel and a tab extending laterally from the base panel, the tab having first fastening materials laterally spacedly positioned, wherein the method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) preparing a continuous fastening composite web extending along a longitudinal direction; the continuous fastening composite web comprising two longitudinally extending first substrates laterally spacedly positioned, a longitudinally extending second substrate positioned between the two first substrates, and at least two longitudinally extending first fastening materials laterally spacedly positioned; each of the first substrate having a longitudinal outer side edge and a longitudinal inner side edge; the second substrate having a pair of longitudinal side edges; each of the first fastening material having a longitudinal inner side edge and a longitudinal outer side edge; wherein each of the longitudinal side edges of the second substrate is joined adjacent each of the longitudinal inner side edges of the first substrates, and each of the first fastening materials is joined on at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate to define a gap region between each of the longitudinal inner side edges of the first fastening materials and to define a pair of continuous panel regions between each of the longitudinal outer side edges of the first fastening materials and each of the longitudinal outer side edges of the first substrates, wherein the second substrate is provided with a second fastening material which is exposed at the gap region, wherein the second fastening material is different from the first fastening materials,
 - (b) cutting the continuous fastening composite web along a continuous cut line comprising a plurality of repeating patterns, each of the repeating patterns having a first side and a second side, the first and second sides

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extending from one panel region through the two first fastening materials to extend into reach the other panel region and extending to return from the other panel region through the two first fastening materials to extend into reach the one panel region, thereby forming a pair of continuous fastening members, each continuous fastening member having a continuous panel region and a plurality of tabs, each tab having the two first fastening materials spacedly positioned, and

(c) cutting each of the continuous fastening members across the continuous panel region, thereby forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members, each fastening member comprising the base panel and the tab.

2. (Original) The method for forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members according to claim 1 wherein the preparing step includes the step of slitting one longitudinally extending first substrate web into the two longitudinally extending first substrates and the step of laterally spacing the two longitudinally extending first substrates.
3. (Previously Presented) The method for forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members according to claim 1 wherein the preparing step includes the step of slitting one longitudinally extending first fastening material web into the two longitudinally extending first fastening materials and the step of laterally spacing the two longitudinally extending first fastening materials.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members according to claim 1 wherein the first fastening material is joined to the second substrate.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members according to claim 1 wherein the first fastening material is joined to the first substrate.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members according to claim 1 wherein the gap region comprises the second substrate.

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7. (Previously Presented) The method of forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members according to claim 1 wherein the panel region comprises the first substrate.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of forming a plurality of pairs of fastening members according to any claim 1 wherein the second substrate is stiffer than the first substrate.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Presented) The method for forming a plurality of fastening members according to claim 1 wherein the first fastening material is a mechanical fastening material and the second fastening material is an adhesive.